

OPINION 2379 (Case 3628)***Terrapene putnami* Hay, 1906 (Reptilia, Testudines, EMYDIDAE): a neotype designated**

Abstract. Under the plenary power the Commission has conserved the current usage of the name *Terrapene putnami* Hay, 1906 by replacing a nondiagnostic holotype (a fragment of a left hypoplastron) that was collected from a temporally mixed locality, with a more complete specimen comprised of the carapace, plastron, and associated non-shell postcrania from a nearby locality of late Pleistocene age. All type fixations for *Terrapene putnami* have been set aside and a firmly dated late Pleistocene neotype has been designated.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Reptilia; Testudines; EMYDIDAE; *Terrapene*; *Terrapene putnami*; giant box turtle; North America; Pleistocene.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous type fixations for the nominal species *Terrapene putnami* Hay, 1906 have been set aside and specimen UF 3066 in the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, Florida designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *putnami* Hay, 1906, as published in the binomen *Terrapene putnami* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3628

An application to conserve the current usage of the name *Terrapene putnami* Hay, 1906 by designating a neotype was received from Dana J. Ehret (*Alabama Museum of Natural History, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.*) and Jason R. Bourque & Richard C. Hulbert, Jr. (*Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.*) on 25 May 2013. After correspondence the Case was published in BZN 70: 193–198 (September 2013). The title, abstract and keywords of the Case were published on the Commission's website. A comments on this Case was published in BZN 71: 29. The Case was sent for vote on 1 June 2015. A greater than two-thirds majority of Commissioners voted FOR the Case (20 For, none Against).

Decision of the Commission

At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2015 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 21: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Pape, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, and Zhou.

Negative votes – none.

Fautin, Ng, Patterson, Pyle and Zhang were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following is the original reference to the entry on an Official List in the ruling given in the present Opinion:

putnami, *Terrapene*, Hay, 1906, *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History*, **22**(3): 30.